EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward Machado on 3/12/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 19 shall be entered as follows:

producing the cutout in the

auxiliary layer and the carrier material in accordance with the mask layer;

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Claim 29 shall be entered as follows: The method of claim 24, further comprising: oxidizing the semiconductor material in [[the]] <u>a</u> region between the cutout and [[the]] <u>a</u> further cutout.

Claims 25 and 30-33 shall be cancelled.

Claim 36 shall be entered as follows: The method of claim [[25]] 19, where filling comprises filling with an electrically insulating layer and an electrically conductive layer.